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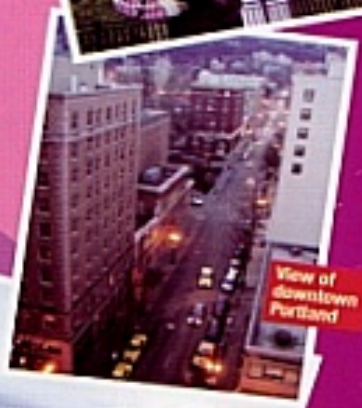
Hi everyone!

I recently spent some time in the USA and got to know the exciting city of Portland, Oregon. It's a very refreshing destination from the usual vacation spots frequented by Filipinos. It is bestowed with bountiful mountains, volcanoes, waterfalls and beaches—a lot of them conducive to sports and outdoor activities. Apart from that, the people are very friendly and the entire state is very clean! I really enjoyed my time there getting to know the people and the city—and of course, feasting on the delicious food!

Me standing by Multnomah Falls, the second tallest year-round waterfall in the USA



View of downtown Portland

Oregon's beautiful Columbia River Gorge

The Portland Classical Chinese Garden was influenced by many classical gardens in Suzhou, China

Traveling is one of the best learning experiences, and it is best done during the summer. If your parents decide to take you on a trip overseas or even around the country, jump at the chance! You'll encounter so many different cultures, sights, people, food and languages, that will truly fascinate you. If you don't have the opportunity to do such, immerse yourself in books and magazines, or surf the Internet to learn more about different places around the globe; they have the magical power of transporting you to another land.

Love,
Cheryl

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D-I-Y Page Stoppers

Splash a flare of summer art to the novel you're reading this summer with these cool personalized bookmarks!

Collage Bookmarks

Materials

1. Watercolor
2. Cartolina or any sturdy board
3. Scissors
4. Scrap colored papers/ recycled papers
5. Glue
6. Short piece of yarn or twine
7. Puncher

Process

1. Dip a brush in water and apply it on a plain letter-sized *cartolina* (but not too much or else it will be soggy). Make sure you cover the whole sheet.

2. Dip your brush in some paint and splash in your desired summer colors. Experiment on different combinations and see how they creep and blend on the wet surface. Let it dry.

3. Cut out different summer elements on colored paper. It would help to draw them first if you wish.

4. Cut out the best rectangular watercolor wash you did in Step 1. Make sure it's nice and dry.

5. Glue the summer cut-out parts on the bookmark. Design it any way you wish. Anything goes!

6. Punch in a hole on one end of the rectangle.

7. Loop a short piece of yarn or twine and make a little knot.

Now you're all set for your next summer adventure!

Photographed by Brian Bravo

Summer Heat

Channel your favorite celebs for fab looks this summer!

It's summer once again and it's the perfect time to hit the beach, go to the mall or simply have fun dressing up. Learn how to beat the heat with these fun, stylish and sizzling summer looks.

Floral Feminine

What would summer be without that cute girly top that makes you bloom? Floral prints are perfect for a hot summer day out. Wear one in light metallic colors for that added shimmer amidst the summer heat. Match your top with a pair of shorts and you're all set for the beach!

Fancy Footwear

Save those flip flops for the beach and hit the malls with a pair of trendy sneakers. Try those fancy metallic flats or those with funky prints and pair them jeans, summer shorts or even wear them with a mini dress!

Light and Lovely

Escape the heat and have a breezy summer by dressing up in light pastel colors with ruffled tops and puffy sleeves. Put on a pair of dangling earrings with a plain top and watch your hot summer day turn into night.

Last Hurrah For The Summer!

With school all year round, it's not very often you get time to engage in outdoor activities with your family and friends. Here are some must-do's to make the most of your time with Mother Nature.

- **Engage in fresh air reading.** Since summer has the perfect outdoor weather throughout the year, instead of entering a literary realm in your bedroom, lounge on a chair in your garden and flip through the pages of your book—perhaps with a glass of iced tea to boot.

- **Go to the park.** Fly a kite, kick a soccer ball, toss a Frisbee, climb some trees or swing monkey bars with your friends. You're sure to have a blast!

- **Get wet!** Take advantage of the opportunity to hit the beach—or even the pool—for a splashing good time!

- **Organize a picnic.** Pack some sandwiches, chips, cookies, fruit juices, iced tea—and of course a picnic blanket to enjoy a tasty lunch or *merienda* out of town or even at your local park with family and friends.

- **Enjoy the sunrise.** Wake up extra early and take a walk outside. Inhaling the morning mist and basking in the healthy sunshine will surely make you feel invigorated—a surefire way to start your day.

- **Eat fresh fruits.** Apart from being delicious, they are filled with nutrients to keep you strong and healthy.

- **Thrill yourself at outdoor amusement parks.** Gather your family and friends and jump into the roller coaster—or Ferris wheel. You're definitely in for a crazy ride! Don't forget to treat yourself to some funnel cake and cotton candy afterwards!

- **Throw an afternoon tea party in your backyard.** An English Duchess started this event as an afternoon gathering for friends—an occasion for relaxed conversations, hospitality and friendship. Pick out tables and chairs and clothe them in pretty covers. Set the table with flower vases abloom with fresh flowers and have soft background music play in the background. Prepare peanut-butter-and-jelly sandwiches, chocolate-dipped strawberries, and stir up some hot chocolate and tea. Gather your closest girlfriends and you're in for some bonding—underneath the nice and warm afternoon sun.

Note-worthy Musicians

Issue #22's feature on your favorite bands "rockin' with a cause" generated a lot of positive feedback that I've looked into some other musicians who are putting their talents to aid the world.

Make Poverty History Bracelets

Bands like **Snow Patrol**, **Keane** and **Coldplay** are raising another important global issue—that of world poverty—through an organization called **Oxfam** and its **Make Poverty History** campaign.

Keane

Snow Patrol

Coldplay

All three bands have collaborated with Oxfam to include the set up of booths and displays during their concerts to sell t-shirts, white wristbands and CD, with profits of such to be donated to the Make Poverty History campaign. These booths also offer a sign up sheet wherein fans can sign up to volunteer for Oxfam and receive more information about world poverty. Aside from these, band members also wear the t-shirts and wristbands when they are featured on TV. These bands have also performed in Oxfam-sponsored events like the Tsunami Appeal Gig and the Live 8 concert in 2005.

The Make Poverty History campaign started in 2005. The awareness campaign focuses on tackling world poverty by calling for better trade agreements between nations (Make Trade Fair) and controlling the armed conflicts that have been going on in some countries (Control Arms). To learn more, visit <http://www.oxfam.org.uk/generationwhy>.

Teena of WINX CLUB

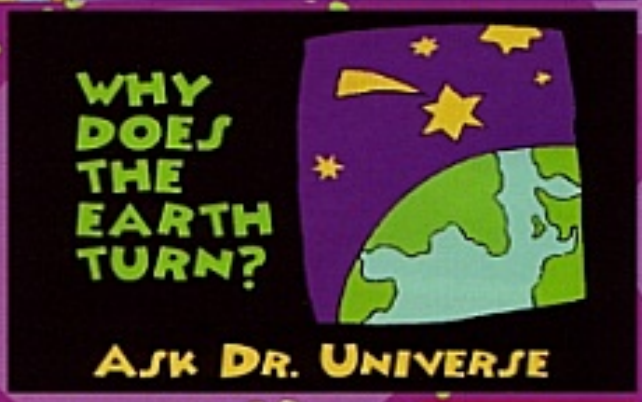
Curiosity is the Cat!

Whatever question you have, this awesome website will surely have the answer!

"How do chameleons change color?"

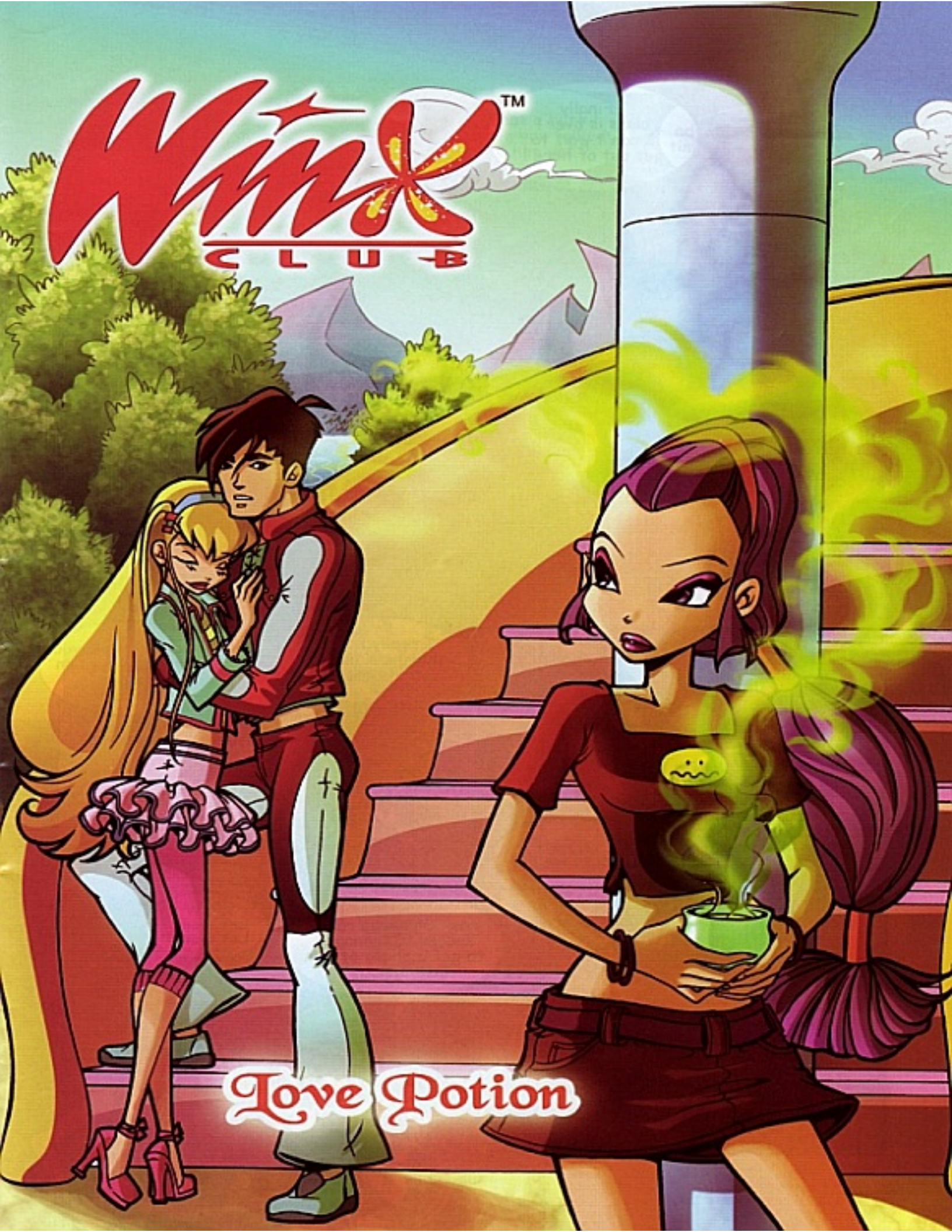
"Why do we dream?"

"Why does the earth have to turn?"



Do you need simple answers to your questions? Then meet **Dr. Universe**! She is the smartest and most curious cat on the Internet. Dr. Universe believes that people want to learn but sometimes, people do not know where to get the information they need. She employs experts from Washington State University to help her answer the different mind-boggling questions she receives from people all over the world.

Try and visit this curious cat at <http://www.wsu.edu/DrUniverse/> ; you might find that someone has already asked your question—and all you need to do is read the answer! If you're looking to dig deeper, you can also "get an appointment" by e-mailing her your question. There are also special sections on Genetics and the ancient Mayan Civilization if you're really curious. So give Dr. Universe a visit—the doctor is always in!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Love Potion

...Finally class is over ! I can't wait to get out of here !
Have you any plans for the weekend ? A nice group of specialists.....have invited us for a trip on the lake with them !
Great ! Count me in !
I really hope that he's there this time !
Ooooh ! Have you got your eyes on someone in particular ?
Yes ! Someone really special ! I managed to get a photo of him last Sunday !
WOW ! Let's see ! Let's see !

He's called Brandon ! Isn't he something ?
What a hunk ! Have you talked to him yet ?
Of course! We had an exciting adventure together some time ago ! .....He basically saved my life !
Really ?
It was while we were hunting monsters in the mountains (*). He put himself into great danger.....to save me, and we were alone together for a really long time !
I thought that I'd forget about him.....but I haven't ! So I've decided to.....pursue the matter !
Of course the weekend is being anxiously awaited in Alfea too.....

See the Episode "Monsters on the Loose".

Of course the weekend is being anxiously awaited in Alfea too.....
You go first !
ROARRRRRR
Aren't you coming?
THERE THEY ARE! YOOO HOOO!
It's the boys !
I knew they would come !

Hi beautiful ! Did you like our surprise ?
Oh yes ! Let me get up !
Stella, you can't ! You don't have a helmet !
Don't worry Bloom...
I learned a very useful magic spell to use in precisely these situations !
Protectium and safetium...
SNAP
... Securium clothesium !
FRRrrr
Wow ! Where did you find that spell ?
In one of last year's textbooks ! The book fell on the floor, and the page just opened..... by chance !
Sometimes it pays to be messy ! You can use it too.....if you want !

How was that you did it ? Protectium and...
Oh look, the bus is coming !
Frrrrrrrr
It really works ! Ha ha !
I'll follow you in the bus ! I'm not getting up on anything that I don't drive myself !
Ha ha ! OK, I'll keep you company !
See you at the White Horse !
BYYEEEE!
ROARRR
WOINNNNNN
This is great ! And to think that I was late !
And now you'll get there early ! Never say die !

Why are you slowing down ?
I have to be careful! My cargo is too precious to take any risks....
... And I want to stretch this moment out as long as I can !....It doesn't happen very often that I can feel you..... .....holding me so tightly!
Oh Brandon, you're a dream come true !
That was some ride wasn't it ?
I'm right on time !
How do you get these things off ?
All you have to do is click your fingers and move your left hand like.....this !
Skiok
I'm going in! I have to get the ice-cream stall ready !
WOW! I'll help you if you want !

You meant to say we'll all help you ! Wait for us Bloom !
Ha ha ha! Come on!
Don't eat it all !
Don't worry ! I'll make a bowl just for you !
Hi Brandon ! Do you remember me ?
?
Don't you remember .....the mission on the mountains, when you were hunting for the monsters on the loose ?
Wee...eell, I....
I'm Shilly....and you dived into the raging waters to save me !
Oh yes, sure !

It was some adventure ! How are you Shilly ?
I'm fine thanks! I see that you like coming to the White Horse !
Oh yes! I come here with my friends!
And have you got.....a girlfriend ?
Yes, I have a girlfriend ! Her name is Stella !
Well she's not here now ! Let's go for a walk together !
There's a big group of witches and other boys! We're going to walk around the lake and...
Thanks for the invitation, but I can't !
I'm with another group, and we have other plans ! Sorry !

Oh sorry, I better go ! My friends are waiting for me !
You've taken your time ! This is for you !
WOW! Thanks !
Who was that girl you were talking to earlier ?
Oh! Oh! Are you spying on me by any chance ?
I was looking for you, and I saw you through the windows ! Do I know her ?
I think so! Remember when we were on that mission in the mountains together ? A few.....months ago !
Ummmm..... and what did she want ?
She asked me if I wanted to join her, but I told her no of course !
I am going out with one girl only.....and she's called Stella !
HMMMMMM ! Are you sure I'm only one ?

Of course you're the only one ! Come on, get up..... let's go for a walk !
And will I always be the only one ?
Always..... that's for sure, okay ?
Okay!
What a nightmare, heh ? Those fairies are always in the way !
?
Oh, but you are.....ummm! Do you know that fairy ?
No, but even if I don't she's irritating anyway ! Do you mind if I sit down ?
Oh no, not at all..... go ahead !
Thanks dear! I'm called Icy !

I'm Shilly !
You're very pretty Shilly ! Why haven't you got a boyfriend ?
Oh sorry..... maybe I shouldn't have asked such a question ! Really, it's your own business !
That's right !
That Brandon is cute isn't he ? The guy that's with that fairy !
Yeah !
You're way more beautiful that she is ! Why don't you try to get him ?
It's useless ! I tried, but he barely knows I exist !
I haven't slept for three days because I was so excited about this weekend, and now.....
HMMM !
Maybe I could write a letter ! I'm not brave enough to .....speak to him yet, but a letter might work. What do you think ?
A letter ? But that's so outdated my dear !

You're a witch aren't you ? We have better ways of resolving these..... .matters !
What do you mean ?
A magic spell..... or a LOVE POTION for example !
A love potion ? But we can't use magic to do that sort of thing ! It's forbidden !
Really ?
It's the most important rule at Cloud Tower. Maybe you're not aware of it because.....ummmmm.....you're new,.....but the teachers are very strict on this !
Anyway, you only learn how to make love potions in third year. I have no idea.....how to make one !
Oh!
What a shame! I could have helped you if you wanted, but if you're not interested it doesn't matter!.....You're right to stay out of it!
See you! Byeeee!
Bye!

Promise me that you'll never look at another girl ! Never ! Ever !
Never! Ever! I promise!
A love potion heh? ....Well, why not!
That night.....
If I read the third year schedule properly, this should be... the right book!
If I copy out the spell on this page, I can put the book back where it belongs.....and nobody will know anything !
Later.....

Finally! Where have you been ?
To see if Shilly.....had fallen into the trap!
Hee hee! What a great idea that was! Perfect for stirring up trouble among the Winx!
Yeah ! A little game to liven things up a bit around here !
Do you think Shilly will make up the potion ?
I just saw her sneaking out of the library. She had definitely been looking for the..... magic formula !
Oh! Oh! I already see her spending nights hidden in the laboratory, sighing ..... with love.....Oooooooohh !
Yeah ! But I don't know if she's capable of making it up properly.
But I think I'll give her a hand..... anything to make life hard for those awful fairies !

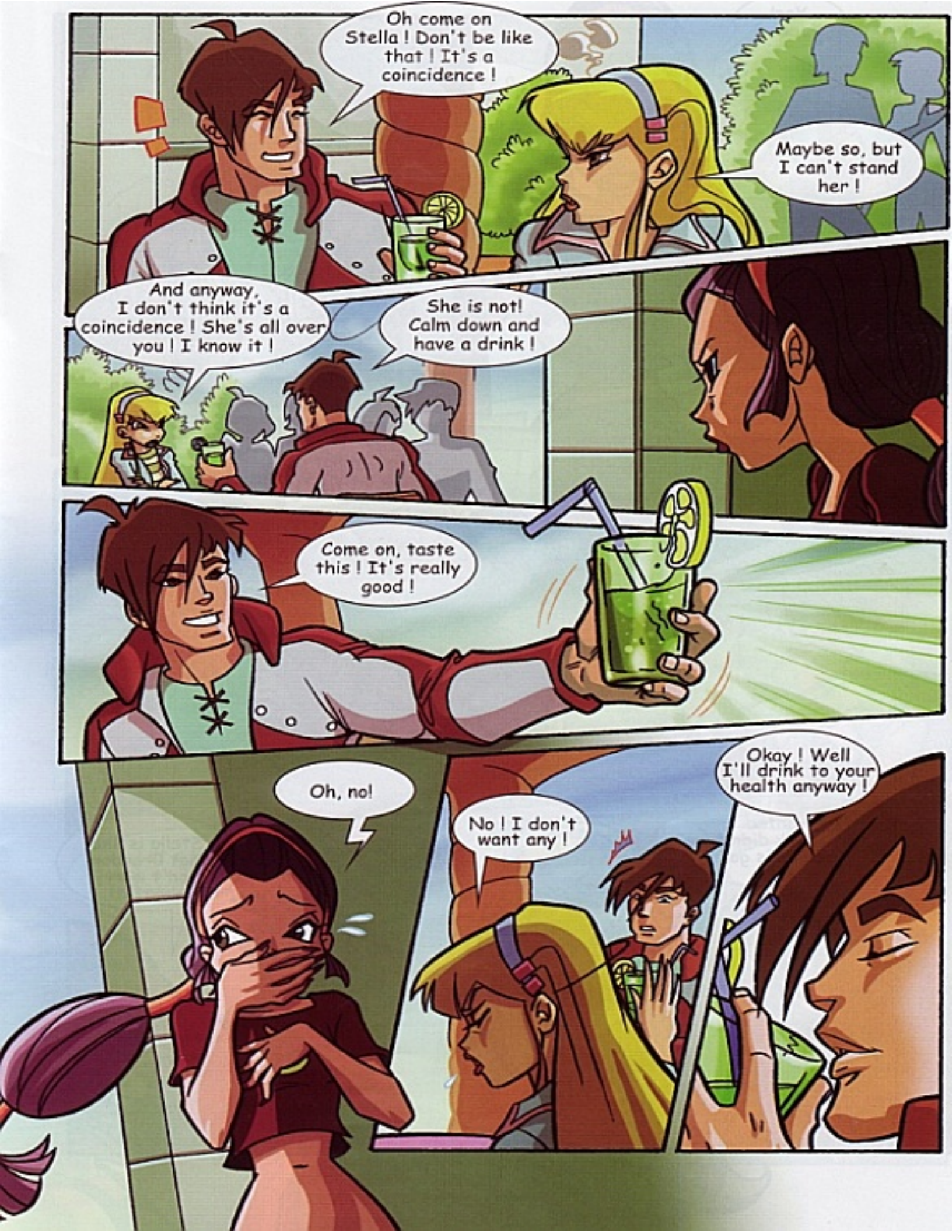
Oh no ! It's gone black again ! Rats !
BOFF
So what is it you're making ? You've been messing about in here all morning !
Huh ? Oh, nothing, nothing !
Nothing, I told you ! I'm just practicing some potionology.....mind your own business !
What's this ?
OK, OK! If you want to be the only one to get good marks, go ahead !.....but you can forget about copying my CURSOLOGY homework !
So what .....keep it!
Lets start over..... SIGH ! I don't know if I'm ever going to get it though !

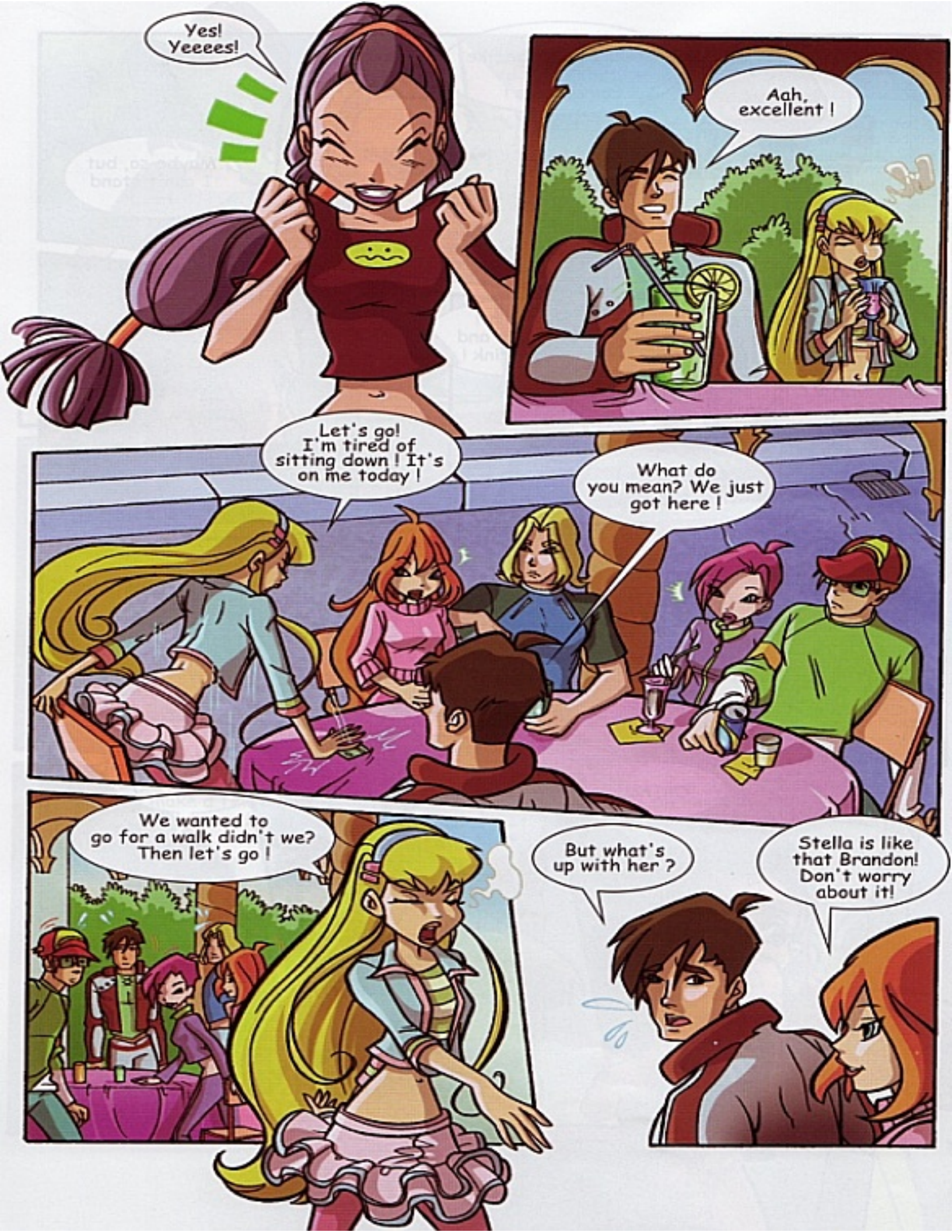
Hi Shilly! I have a surprise for you !
What?
Oh, it's you Icy.....what kind of surprise ?
The missing ingredient from your magic potion ! Scolopendra extract will make it..... as clear and tasteless as water !
But I...I'm not making any potion !
Of course you're not my dear! But just in case you decide to do it, I'll leave the extract here, ok ? .....Do whatever you want with it !
See you !
FSSSSSSSSSS

ON A MAIN STREET IN MAGIX A FEW DAYS LATER.....
...Look at that screen Timmy ! Isn't it wonderful ?
Yow !
And look at that portable player..... WOW ! You can see films, listen to music, and even...play games with it !
Ni...nice ! But I wonder how much it costs !
Oh for heaven's sake !! All you boys think about is money ! You can admire what's in the shop windows..... for free ! Didn't you know ?
Especially what you see in clothes shop windows, that is MUUUCH better than . ...what you see in telephone ones !
You laugh ! Now we'll never get her away from here !
How can you leave with such a beautiful outfit in front of you ? Look Brandon.... .wouldn't it be perfec on me ? What do you think ?
Stellaaa ...we can't stop every ten feet !

Ha ha ! We'll wait for you at the bar Brandon ! When Stella has had enough..... you can join us !
Ok everyone, what are you having ?
Come on Stella !
Aaaaaw ! You should have at least let me try something !
They're my friends ! Can I take it to them ?
Oh, sure ! Go ahead !

Whosoever doth drink of this potion will glow.....with love for the one o'er whose hand it flowed !
Here are your drinks !
Hey, but you're.....
?
Yes, I'm Shilly ! Every so often I come here to make a few bucks ! It's a small world isn't it ?
Have a nice evening!
You can't go anywhere without bumping into that one !


Oh come on Stella ! Don't be like that ! It's a coincidence !
Maybe so, but I can't stand her !
And anyway, I don't think it's a coincidence ! She's all over you ! I know it !
She is not! Calm down and have a drink !
Come on, taste this ! It's really good !
Oh, no!
No ! I don't want any !
Okay ! Well I'll drink to your health anyway !


Yes! Yeeees!
Aah, excellent !
Let's go! I'm tired of sitting down ! It's on me today !
What do you mean? We just got here !
We wanted to go for a walk didn't we? Then let's go !
But what's up with her ?
Stella is like that Brandon! Don't worry about it!

Wait up a minute ! I'll be there in a second!
Shilly....ummm ..we're leaving now ! I wanted to say goodbye !
Shilly! Shilly, where are you ?
I'm here !!
Thanks Brandon ! That's really nice of you !
Talk to you soon, ok ? See you !
See you !
Let's keep in touch ok ? Here's my cell phone number !

Where were you ? Why did you go back ?
I just took a minute Stella! I had to say goodbye to Shilly!
WHAAAAAT?
What's wrong with that ? I know her.....I thought it was a nice thing to do !
Come on, don't be like that ! You know that you're the one I like ! Stay here beside me.....come on !
Harrumph !
Are you sure I'm your girl ?
Of course!

That night.....
23:50
Who is it?
Nobody! Just a message from a friend!
WOW! At midnight? Then it's more than just a friend !
23:51
BUONANOTTE
Who is it? Tell me ! Is it him ?
Who is him? Mind your own business!

Domani sera alle otto in riva al lago. Ci vieni?
Okay!
PEE PEE PEE
Brandon, why don't you go to bed ? It's really late !
I'm coming I'm coming!
You're acting weird ! Is there something wrong ?
No, nothing! Don't worry!

The following evening, at eight...

?
It was really Brandon, I'm telling you ! I saw him clearly !
And you should have seen how close they were together. They were practically kissing !
I can't believe it!
What are you prattling about? What do you know about Brandon?
What? Oh, nothing nothing! Maybe I was wrong!
Wrong about what? What do you mean?

Be quiet down there! Pay attention to the lesson please!
So, are you going to tell me or not ?
Here !
Brandon ti ha tradito con una strega L'HO VISTO io!!!

Why did you have to tell her? Couldn't you just keep your mouth shut?
What did I do wrong? She's the one who asked me!
And anyway she was so full of herself just because she had a boyfriend!.....Now she'll learn!
Stella, what happened? What's wrong?
Excuse me Miss Dofour! I need to go out for a moment!
Go ahead!
Umm.....I need to go out too! May I?
Ok, you can go too! But you're never going to learn anything like this !

Stella, what happened ? Why are you crying ?
Brandon....SOB ! SOB ! I knew he was hiding something from me !
He's been weird all week.....they told me that he was seen with that.....Shilly.....he doesn't love me any more, I just know it !
What are you saying ? Calm down !
Do you believe the first thing you hear ? Do something about it ! .....At least speak to Brandon first !
Sob ! Sob !
You're right! Sniff....Brandon has never lied to me ! I know him!..... He couldn't possible have done something like that to me!
Good girl! That's the way I like it!
I must see him and speak to him! I'm sure that he'll be able to explain everything to me!

Brandon! Brandon, where are you ?
: I have a message for you from Stella. She'll be waiting for you this afternoon at the White.....Horse !
What ? And why did she tell you ?
Because your telephone has been off all week and she can't call you !
Can I ask what's happening ? What's up with you ?
Mind your own business !

So it's true!? ....Why couldn't you tell me before?
I would have, I swear.....as soon as I understood what was happening to me.....really!
The thing is, it wasn't working out between you and me any more.....and I guess it's better if we just forget about it!
I'm sorry.. really! But...

She's been like this all evening! She won't even listen to me!
Poor Stella! This really shouldn't have happened!
Let's leave her alone! She needs some time to accept it!
Yes! It's better!
Affairs of the heart are just so complicated!
Yeah! And boys can be so stupid sometimes!
But that's life! And we just have to accept that love affairs can finish.....and then new ones can start!
What I can't understand is how this happened so quickly! I would never have..... .expected it from Brandon!

So you managed, huh? Congratulations!
I must say that Brandon is a good catch!
Who told you that we were together?
Well, everyone is talking about it! You were seen.....and they say that Stella.....his ex...is taking it really badly!
These things happen. She'll get over it!
Of course she will.... but lets not talk about her ! Tell me about Brandon! He's cute isn't he?
Well, yes.....
He's really nice and sweet..... but also strong and protective ! Now that we..... know each other better, I think we'll be together forever !
I'm in love and even he is deeply in love with me ! He told me that I was the most .....beautiful girl in all Magix !
Ha ha ha ! The love potion really worked then !

What do you mean ?
Well, it's thanks to the POTION, isn't it ? Don't imagine it's real love !
I didn't use any potion! Brandon loves me for my beauty and that's all!
Really? Well, that's better then isn't it?!
I wish you well, dear.....and lots and lots of TRUE LOVE !
Icy is just jealous ! Why shouldn't it be true love ?
Brandon loves me for who I am.....By now I'm sure that the potion.....has nothing to do with it ! On the other hand....
I have to be sure! I'll give him an ANTIDOTE and....then without the effect.....of the spell, I'll be certain that it's TRUE LOVE!

Another weekend arrives.....
Do you really love me Brandon ?
Of course I love you, can't you see ? I even left my friends, just for you !
What I mean is.....do you love me for myself, or do you feel some-how.....forced ?
What do you mean by forced ? I love you and that's all ! Don't worry
OK!...Do you mind getting me an ice cream please? One of those triple flavored ones.....that I like!
Certainly my dear ! Wait for me here !

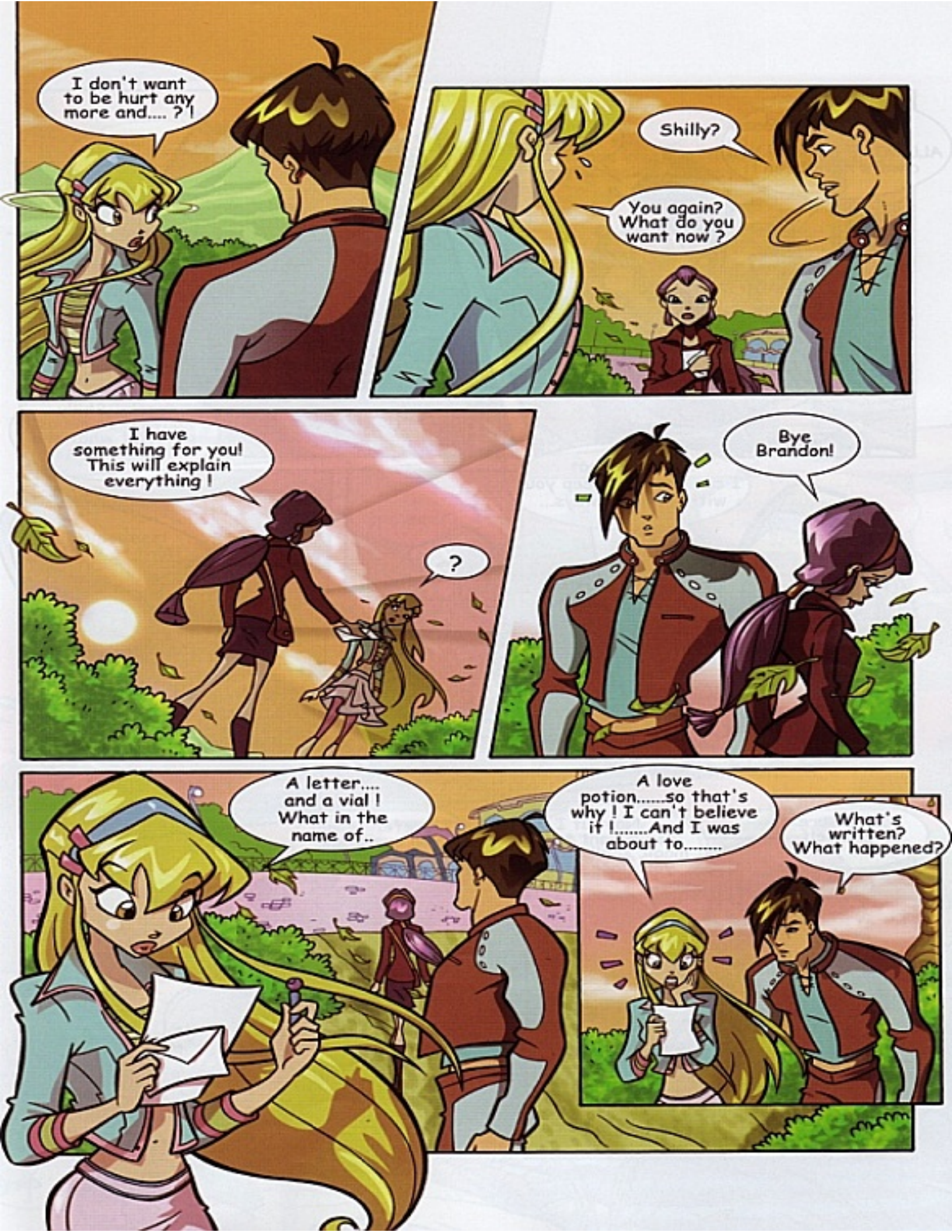
What on earth..... ? !?
Here you go! Eat it quickly, it's melting!
Thanks!
Aren't you going to drink ?
Oh yes, dear ! To your health !
Uuugh!...

Shilly!?
Brandon, how are you feeling?
But.....what am I doing here ?
What do you mean? You're with me! We're together now, don't you realize?
Sorry Shilly, but if Stella knew that I was here with you she would get really hurt.....and I don't want that! I'm sorry!
But, I thought....
I'm sorry Shilly..... I don't know what was wrong with me, but you got the wrong idea! We were.....all wrong, I'm sorry!

Oh hi Bloom! Have you seen Stella anywhere?
I think she's on the promontory. She said she wanted to be alone !
Thanks ! Bye !
Now it's my turn !
It was a potion wasn't it ? I saw you while you were pouring it into the glass !
It didn't work.... or actually it worked too well ! I was fooled into thinking.....

Meanwhile....
Stella!
What do you want from me? Leave me alone!
Stella, I've so much to tell you ! Listen to me, please.....
I gave him the antidote because I thought that by now he really loved me .....but I was wrong ! He really loves Stella.....he never stopped loving .....her....
and now here I am all alone ! SNIFF ! What will I do now ?
Cheer up Shilly !

These things don't work like that ! We may fall in love with someone..... .but we can't make them fall in love with us.....
If you really love Brandon, you'll want what's best for him....and accept....his choice, don't you think ?
Yes !
What do you think you're going to do ?
I know I was wrong !
But I also know how to make up for it!
I can't believe you Brandon ! I don't want to !
Why don't you believe me ? I'm telling you I wasn't myself ! I don't know what happened to me.....but I promise you that you're the only one who has my heart !


I don't want to be hurt any more and.... ?!
Shilly?
You again? What do you want now ?
I have something for you! This will explain everything !
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Bye Brandon!
A letter.... and a vial ! What in the name of..
A love potion.....so that's why ! I can't believe it !.....And I was about to.....
What's written? What happened?

What happened is that you're ALL MINE my love! You always have been !
Finally you understand !
So it was a magic potion all along !
Yeah ! Shilly gave it to me as proof of what she had written !
She says that I can use it to keep you with me for always...
You're sure of yourself aren't you ?
No, but I don't want to use magic spells to keep you close to me !
I prefer to win you over, day after day !

Will we stay friends Shilly ?
Oh yes ! At a time like this I really need friends !
You did the right thing, and you'll see that soon you'll find someone else who'll make you really.....happy !
Wooweee! Look at that!
Hi gorgeous !
I'll never love anyone else as much as I love Brandon !
Do you know what Shilly ?
What?
I really don't think it's going to be like that !
END